Co-operative institutions

†3367. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of co-operative societies in gross agricultural loan was 60 per cent in 1990 which has now fallen down to 30%;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to bring co-operative societies under the preview of Reserve Bank of India;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and by when the said societies would be brought under the single control of Reserve Bank of India; and

(e) whether Government would make any special effort to ensure corruption-free and speedy loans to farmers by the cooperative societies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) As reported by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), the share of cooperatives in agricultural credit has fallen from 63.45% in 1989-90 to 26.58% in 2004-05.

(c) and (d) Government of India has finalized a package for revival of Short Term Rural Cooperative Credit Structure which, *inter-alia*, envisages that Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will lay down the regulations/guidelines for prudential norms and financial matters and will exercise its regulatory powers under the Banking Regulation (BR) Act, 1949 directly and not through the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (RCS) of the States in case of Cooperative Banks which accepts public deposits.

(e) In order to ensure corruption-free and speedy loans to farmers by the cooperative societies, NABARD has advised all the cooperative banks, *inter-alia*, to undertake at quarterly intervals at the Board level the following measures.

* Comprehensive review of Vigilance Cell

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

* Review of losses of fraud

* Review of customer services rendered by the Bank with analysis of complaints received and action taken

* Review of credit limit sanctioned.

Adaptation of Agriculture to Global Warming

3368. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study has predicted that global warming will adversely affect agriculture, bio-diversity, disease pattern and water availability in India;

(b) whether Pune based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and UK's Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research have predicted that temperature increase by as much as 3 to 4 degrees in parts of Northern India and increase in rainfall by 10% to 30% will affect rain based agriculture and increase surface water availability over the basins of Ganga, Krishna and Godavari; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto and the strategy contemplated to meet the challenges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government is contemplating several measures including afforestation, and appropriate soil/land management to mitigate global warming. Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already initiated a project in network mode on *Impact, Assessment and Vulnerability of Indian Agriculture to Climate Change* during Xth Plan to meet the emerging challenges.